# Fort Smith Downtown Traffic & Truck Study

BACKGROUND

The City of Fort Smith has been working to improve traffic and truck movement through downtown since the 1980s. The City is continuing this effort through the implementation of the *Propelling Downtown Forward Plan* which aims to revitalize downtown and support a more multi-modal transportation system.

Map of Downtown Fort Smith from 1981 plan to improve the movement of goods through downtown.
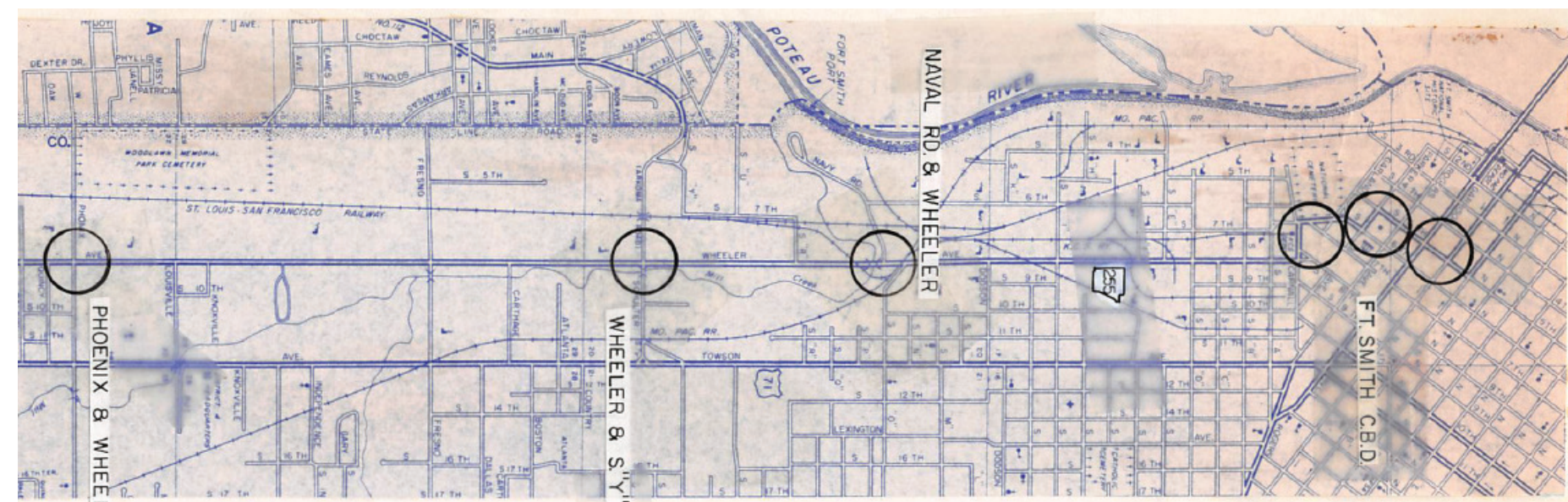
WHO IS INVOLVED?

Members of the Community
Downtown Business Owners
Freight/Trucking Representatives

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THIS STUDY?

The goal of this study is to identify potential traffic improvements that **promote safety, walkability/bike-ability, and an aesthetic that matches a downtown environment** while preserving mobility for nearby industrial business.

This study aims to develop win-win solutions that benefit downtown revitalization efforts, as well as those responsible for moving goods within the region.

- Fort Smith Truck Routes
- State/US Highway - Truck Routes
- Downtown Study Area

WHAT IS THE GAME PLAN?

This study involves several steps:

- Gather local information from the community about downtown traffic

- Determine existing traffic patterns, including the level of truck traffic throughout the region

- Identify existing constraints and suggested mobility improvements for downtown from other plans

- Develop additional traffic improvement strategies

- Evaluate potential impacts of strategies/solutions to those responsible for local movement of goods

- Create a context-sensitive improvement plan that incorporates feedback from the community and stakeholders and ultimately achieves the goals of the study
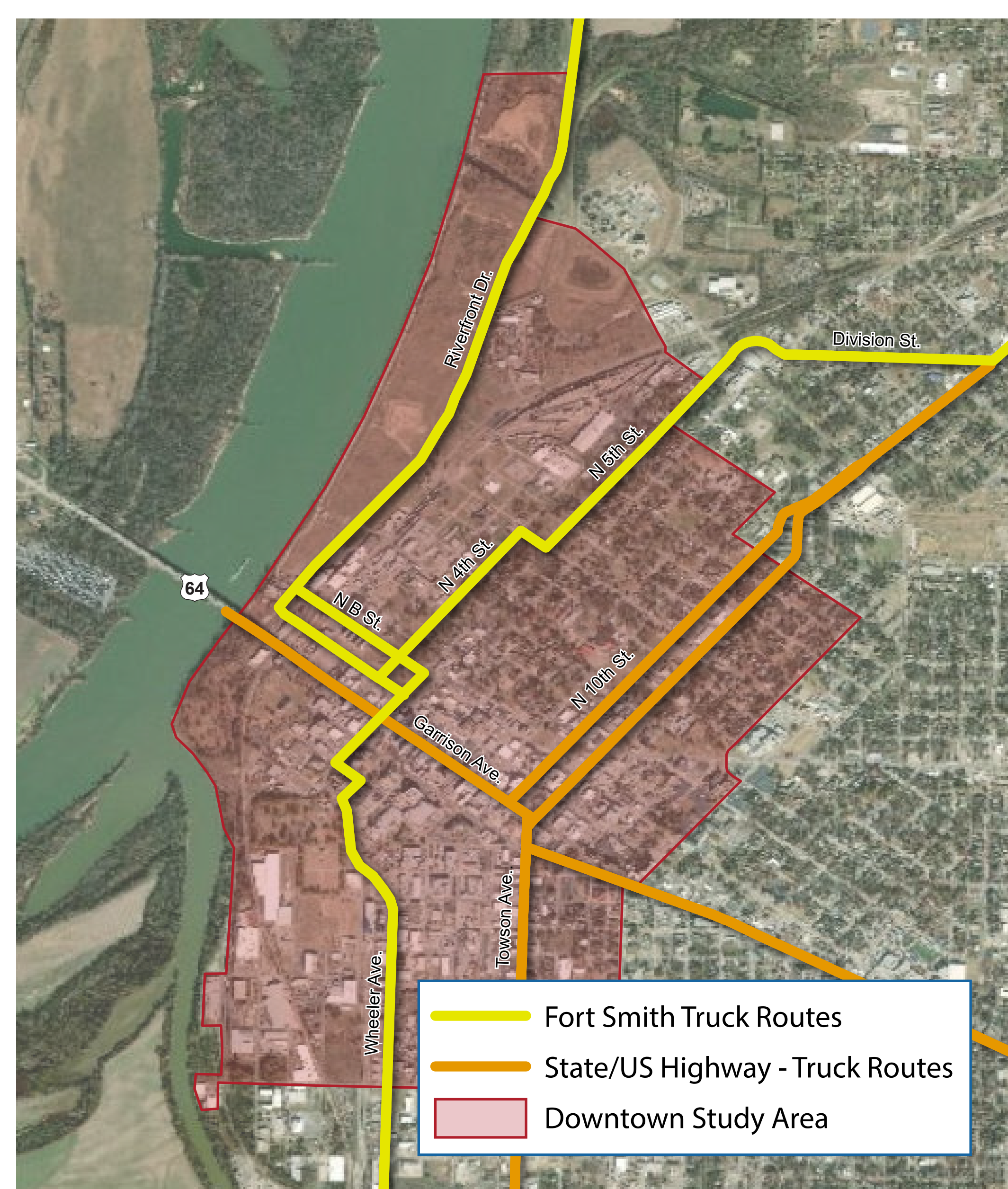
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Information provided by you and other stakeholders helps us better understand current traffic conditions and the unique components of Fort Smith's transportation system. Your valuable feedback will guide us throughout the study and ensure that we make better decisions about what improvements to include in the final plan. We encourage you to discuss any downtown traffic-related considerations with the study team and to follow the study and provide feedback through its completion.